

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Confirmation No.: 5459  
Gerry QUINN Date: September 14, 2007  
Serial No.: 10/613,570 Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: July 3, 2003 Examiner: Gay Spahn  
For: METHOD FOR CUTTING UNDERSEA PIPELINE TO LENGTH

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**VIA EFS-WEB**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 14, 2007, an RCE is being filed along with a petition for extension of time, and this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2006. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.        If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. X If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.